

# SKIP

**SKIP** [(*rep*)] *operand1* [**LINES**]

Operand	Possible Structure					Possible Formats										Referencing Permitted	Dynamic Definition
Operand1	C	S				N	P	I								yes	no

Related Statements: DISPLAY | PRINT | WRITE

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## Function

The SKIP statement is used to generate one or more blank lines in an output report.

## Report Specification - rep

The notation (*rep*) may be used to specify the identification of the report for which the SKIP statement is applicable. A value in the range 0 - 31 or a logical name which has been assigned using the DEFINE PRINTER statement may be specified.

If (*rep*) is not specified, the SKIP statement will apply to the first report (report 0).

## Number of Lines to be Skipped - operand1

*Operand1* represents the number (1 - 250) of blank lines to be generated. This number may be specified as a numeric constant or as the content of a numerical variable.

If *operand1* exceeds the page size of the report, the SKIP statement will result in a newpage condition.

## Additional Considerations

If the execution of a SKIP statement would cause the page size to be exceeded, exceeding lines will be ignored (except in an AT TOP OF PAGE statement).

A SKIP statement is only executed if something has already been output on the page (output from an AT TOP OF PAGE statement is not taken into account here).

## Example

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/* EXAMPLE 'SKPEX1': SKIP
/*****
LIMIT 7
READ EMPLOYEES BY CITY STARTING FROM 'W'
  AT BREAK OF CITY
  SKIP 2
  DISPLAY NOTITLE CITY (IS=ON) COUNTRY (IS=ON) NAME
/*****
END
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CITY	COUNTRY	NAME
WASHINGTON	USA	REINSTEDT PERRY
WEITERSTADT	D	BUNGERT UNGER DECKER
WEST BRIDGFORD	UK	ENTWHISTLE
WEST MIFFLIN	USA	WATSON